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SUBJECT: Philippines Response to Climate Change and Human Rights
Demarche

¶1. Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs Human Rights Assistant Director Noel Sancon told us Secretary Alberto Romulo will head the delegation to the U.N. Human Rights Council's 7th session beginning March 3, 2008. Sancon said that they were not familiar with subject resolution, but will relay the information to the delegation.

¶2. Post has sent talking points for USG officials' use in meetings with Philippine Energy Secretary Angelo Reyes during renewable energy conference in Washington commencing on March 4. Reyes chairs the Philippine government's interagency group on climate change. He is an influential person and would have special interest in keeping the dialogue on climate change within the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, rather than letting it become a human rights issue, outside of his Energy Department's domain.

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